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To Whom It May Concern,

I am a software engineer and entrepreneur with 15 years' experience in the field of personal computer software development, including the cofounding of a successful Internet company that was sold to Electronic Arts for more that \$40 million.

I read the news of the Microsoft settlement with great dismay. It appears certain that under this settlement, Microsoft's predatory and criminal behavior will continue unabated. I believe that the continued existence of the Microsoft Windows monopoly is a direct personal threat to my earning power. That is because venture capitalists are extremely reluctant to fund any company that might compete in a market that Microsoft enters. Since Microsoft enters practically every revenue-generating software market, there are a greatly reduced number of opportunities for entrepreneurs like myself.

I believe that Microsoft has already leveraged its operating system monopoly into a monopoly in Internet browsers. This is an extremely dangerous development because despite the collapse of the dot.coms, the Internet will continue to grow in importance to American businesses and consumers, becoming a fundamental utility like water and electricity. I urge that the settlement terms be amended to mandate that Microsoft make the following inclusions in its Windows distributions:

- include the second most popular Internet browser, in a manner where it is as prominently displayed and as easy to use as the Microsoft browser.
- include the latest version of the Java Runtime Engine, again in a manner where it is as prominently displayed and as easy to use as any comparable Microsoft technology.

Sincerely,  
William Lipa